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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP -- AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005. A three month shortened statutory response period was set by the action. This response is being filed within the first month after this due date. A request for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. This extension resets the deadline to January 23, 2006 (January 21 being a Saturday).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

A check covering the extension fee (\$120) and the fee for submission of a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (\$180) is submitted herewith. Charge any additional fee associated with this response, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account 50-2719.